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- 1. About 100 Trudoveks arrived in Merch 1951 and are working on trenches and emplacements in the vicinity of Koprivlen and Sadovo villages near Gotse Delchev.
- 2. There are three lines of trenches running from the municipal gardens in Gotse Delchev to the Mesta River. These trenches are zig-zag in shape with each section, or arm, being about eight to ten meters long. The trenches are about one meter wide at the top and are narrower at the bottom. They vary in depth from one and one half to two meters
- 3. The first line of trenches starts at the Gotse Delchev River and extends to within one kilometer east of the Sofia-Aegean Sea road on one side and to the Mesta River on the other, passing 150 meters south of the municipal river. The second line starts at the southern end of Gotse Delchev and goes east, crossing the Sofia-Aegean See road and continuing to the Mesta River. This line passes 150 - 200 meters north of the municipal river. There are four gun emplacements built into the second line. The third line begins in the north-eastern part of Gotse Delchev and continues due north. This line is still being worked on.
- 4. A new battalion of about 400 troops recently arrived in Gotse Delchev. All troops from the new unit have been used in digging trenches. This unit has six 75 mm. anti-tank guns mounted on hard-rubber tires.

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